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DATE:

February 18, 2009

TO:

All Local Health Departments

Attn: Chief Food Specialist

FROM:

A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS

Manager, Food Protection Program

SUBJECT:

Junior's Cheesecake and Desserts-Peanut Recall

SUGGESTED

**ACTION:** 

Peanut Recall; Due to Salmonella typhimurium; Recommend notification of affected stores via phone,

fax or e-mail.

From the information provided by FDA, the recalled products were distributed in the State of Indiana. The 8" Peanut Butter Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough Cheesecakes were sold to consumers exclusively through QVC.

## Junior's Cheesecake and Desserts Conducts Nationwide Recall Of Selected 8" Peanut Butter Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough Cheesecakes Because Of Possible Health Risk

## Contact:

(718) 852-5257 x 32

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** -- Brooklyn, NY -- February 17, 2009 --- Junior's Cheesecake & Desserts of Brooklyn, NY, is recalling its 8" Peanut Butter Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough Cheesecake as a precautionary measure because the product has the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*. This action is a result of the PCA expanded recall of January 28, 2009 for all peanut products manufactured in their Blakely, Georgia facility since January 1, 2007. The recalled cheesecakes contain peanut butter manufactured by the Peanut Corporation of America.

Salmonella is an organism, which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy persons infected with Salmonella often experience fever, diarrhea (which may be bloody), nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain. In rare circumstances, infection with Salmonella can result in the organism getting into the bloodstream and producing more severe illnesses such as arterial infections (i.e. infected aneurysms), endocarditis and arthritis. For more information on Salmonella, please visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention"s web site at http://www.cdc.gov.

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The recall involves Junior's 8" Peanut Butter Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough Cheesecake (M18011), UPC code 748924608604, Batch 0278 and Batch 0218. Other batches are not involved in this recall.



No illnesses have been reported to date.

Consumers who have purchased any of the affected 8" peanut butter chocolate chip cookie dough cheesecakes are advised not to consume these items. Consumers have already been notified by QVC and have received a full refund. If QVC customers have any questions about their refund, they may contact QVC Customer Service at 1-800-367-9444, between the hours of 7 am and 1 am EST, seven days a week.

If consumers have any questions about the recall, please contact Junior's at 718-852-5257 x32, Monday through Friday from 8 am to 4 pm EST.

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Photo: Product label

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